honourable Judges, though I know it a hard thing to strive against the obstinate or to extort pity there, where all compassion ib extinguished, yet I will speik, using the office of nature to work you although I know I shall not win you I am here called and indited before you for high treason , a heinous crime, I confess it, and worthy of punishment I deny it not But may it please you with patience to examine circumstances I have emboldened the poorer sort to innovation, to fight for liberty to impugn the rich, a matter in the common weals of Greece highly commended, but here accounted factious, and why ? There subjects made Kings, here Kings master subjects And why not, say you , and why not, think I ? Yet am I faulty under a good precedent, and the ambition which hath intangled me, hath not been without his profit To offend of obstinate will were brutish , but under some limits of reason to default, can you, my Lords, but think it pardonable ? I have raised one or two assemblies , and what of this «> Peace was not broken, only my safety was assured , and were it not that the law had been injured, might not the righting of a hundred poor men's causes merit pardon for two unlawful assemblies * But, you will say, I have animated subjects against their prince I confess it, but under a mildei title I have counselled them to compass liberty, which, if nature might be equal judge between us, I know should not be heinously misconstered' But the judges condemned him to die a traitor's death, and the next day he was executed

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